GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegation of taking up departmental execution though not prescribed in Administrative sanction and violating the procedure prescribed for departmental execution by entrusting the works to contractors in the Municipal Areas in Srikakulam - Departmental action initiated against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner and Two (2) others of Srikakulam Municipality – Inquiry Conducted – Charges held 'not proved' – Demised on 24.03.2023 - Further action abated – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.448

Dated.19.07.2023
Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Appraisal Report No.71 (727/V&E/E2/2009), dated.14.08.2012.
2. G.O.Rt.No.169, MA&UD (E1) Department, dated.01.02.2013
3. Served copy of Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality received from CDMA.
4. G.O.Rt.No.518, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.17.05.2018.
5. Inquiry Report of Sri B.H.Srinivasa Rao, the then Superintending Engineer, APUFIDC & Inquiry Officer, Inquiry Report, dated.24.08.2022.
6. Govt.Memo.No.20510/Vig.I/2022, dated.01.02.2023.
7. Written representation received from the Charged officer Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality dated:09.02.2023.
8. Representation of Smt S.Ramani, W/o Sri S.Govinda Swamy (late), received on dated:16.05.2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that the V&E officials verified certain works taken up by the Municipalities and PH Department in Srikakulam District and observed that (1) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner and two (2) others of Srikakulam Municipality violated the procedure prescribed for departmental execution by entrusting the work to Contractors by inviting quotations and they committed procedural irregularities during the entrustment and payment for certain works executed in Srikakulam Municipality. Therefore, the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department had recommended to initiate departmental action against them.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, articles of charges were framed against Sri S. Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam

(P.T.O.)

Municipality, under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly directing him to submit written statement of defense thereon. Served copy was received from CDMA in respect of Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner of Srikakulam Municipality vide reference 3rd read above.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Government appointed Sri B.H.Srinivasara Rao, the then S.E. (PH), APUFIDC, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner and two (2) others. In the reference 5th read above, Sri B.H.Srinivasara Rao, the then S.E. (PH), APUFIDC & Inquiry Officer, submitted Inquiry report concluding that, the charges framed against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner were held 'not proved' in the Inquiry.

4. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report to Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipal Corporation under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer vide reference 6th read above. In the reference 7th read above, he has submitted his written representation duly accepting the findings of Inquiry Officer and requested to drop further action against them.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Smt.S.Ramani, wife of Sri.S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd) while enclosing the death certificate of Sri.S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd) has informed that Sri.S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner was demised on 24.03.2023 at KIMS Hospital, Visakhapatnam due to heart attack and requested the authorities to drop the V&E charges, if any, pending against him and release the retirement benefits at the earliest.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, it has been decided to abate further action against Late (Sri) S. Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd), as he was expired on 24.03.2023, in terms of Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby abate further action against Late (Sri) S. Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd), Srikakulam as he expired on 24.03.2023, in terms of Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

9. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt.S.Ramani, wife of Sri.S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd) - **through** the CDMA., A.P., Guntur.

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The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.

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The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Minister (MA & UD).
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// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.